

Tennessee Environmental News

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2007 Green Tie Affair a huge success

TEC raised close to \$100,000!

*We appreciate the generous support of
Tennessee Waste
as the title sponsor of the 2007 Green Tie Affair*

We also thank all of our underwriters, honorary hosts and auction donors for their contribution to make this the most successful Green Tie Affair ever.

THANK YOU!

[Click here for pictures of the event](#)

ISSUES AND OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS:

Company Profile: Tennessee Waste *Nashville's Only Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Hauling Company*

Tennessee Waste served as the first-ever title sponsor of TEC's Green Tie Gala this year. Their leadership gift offers an opportunity for TEC to meet the challenge in Tennessee as advocates for a clean and healthy environment for the sake of our environment and public health. Learn more about one of Nashville's recycling leaders...[Read more](#)

Public encouraged to attend TVA strategic plan meeting

When & Where: Monday, 23 April 2007, 6pm at the Cool Springs Marriot. The public should encourage TVA to focus on sustainable energy practice in conjunction with President's call for energy independence. [Read full press release](#)

Road legislation takes too great a toll

By Trip Pollard

Transportation funding bills pending in the General Assembly could have long-lasting, negative impacts on Tennessee's taxpayers, drivers, communities and the environment.

Some of these bills would allow the state to impose tolls, while others would

allow private companies to build and operate transportation projects and charge tolls to recover their investment and earn profits. While tolls and public-private partnerships could have their place, the bills, as written, raise serious concerns and should not be passed. [Read more](#)

North Cumberlands Conservation Plan

- The North Cumberlands conservation plan represents approximately 123,854 acres valued at an estimated \$148 million.
- The properties are located in Scott, Campbell, Anderson and Morgan Counties and stretch from Frozen Head State Natural Area to the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area.
- The state's investment includes an \$82 million bond initiative. The budget the Governor has proposed to the legislature includes \$11 million in recurring funds for the debt service on the bond issue for this purchase. [More information](#)

EVENTS:

Nashville Earth Day Festival 2007

TEC has been heavily involved in planning this year's Earth Day festival which will be held this **Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Centennial Park**. Over 95 exhibitors including a large organic and local farming section will be present. This free event also features many children and youth activities on the youth stage as well as great food and live entertainment headlined by Rodney Crowell. TEC will be represented at a booth and our Executive Director John McFadden will address the crowd at 3:30 p.m.

Workshops about composting, raw foods, seeds and much much more will be taught in the organic farmer's section in 30 minute increments.

For more information such as the exact schedule of all music performances as well as a list of all exhibitors, please visit www.nashville.gov.earthday.

[Nashville Green Drinks](#) is a local chapter of worldwide phenomenon. Each month in more than 180 cities, people who work and think in the field of sustainability get together and share a beer, ideas and a vision for a green future. Meetings are every 1st Wednesday of the month @ 7 p.m. at the Blackstone Brewery on West End Ave. For more information go to www.Nashvillegreendrinks.com

TAKE ACTION:

Join TEC Today

Call Ellen at 615-248-6500 to get your membership packet or check us out on the web at <http://www.tectn.org>.

Volunteer for the Nashville Earth Day Festival

This year's NEDF takes place on Saturday, April 21 at Centennial Park. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please email Charles Jobe at Charles.Job@state.tn.us

Help identify plans for Nashville's future

Go to www.nashvillesagenda.org to take a brief survey and give your input on where you think Nashville should head.

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